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## State Parks Superintendent Takes Los Angeles County Parks Job

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks Southern Division Chief Steve Treanor announced today that the Superintendent of the State Parks Department's Angeles District, Russ Guiney, has accepted the position of Chief Deputy Director for the County of Los Angeles Parks Department. Guiney will be reporting to the new position October 15, 2002.

"We are losing one of the finest Superintendents within our State Parks System," said Treanor, "and we will miss his steady hand and constant professionalism. On-the-other-hand, Los Angeles County is gaining one of the best people I know in the parks business. He is a passionate parks supporter who has done an exceptional job of supervising one of the largest districts within the State Park System."

"Russ Guiney has been a key member of the State Parks team in the development of Governor Gray Davis' Urban Parks Strategy for the Los Angeles region," said Acting Director of California State Parks Ruth Coleman. "We are very proud of Russ and we are very grateful for his long and exceptional service. He has put a mark of quality on the State Parks which serve Los Angeles residents."

Guiney will be second in charge of the 1,000-person Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and will oversee six assistant directors in the operation of 130 regional and local parks including the Hollywood Bowl and Los Angeles County Arboretum. The new Deputy Director brings 27-years of experience with State Parks to the job. The past 11 years of his career with the State have been spent in Los Angeles County, so he is familiar with urban park needs and already has many contacts with local government.

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